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Real Life News & Notes

A Relevant, Serving, Growing Family of Jesus followers

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Elder Of Month

Tom Deister

Our Gathering Today



Welcome Guests!

Thank you for being with us! May you be spiritually fed and encouraged this morning by our simple gathering in the name of Jesus Christ as we sing, pray, share communion, encourage each other and open the Word of God together. Please enjoy the coffee, juice and donuts you will find in the fellowship hall. **View our web site at grandjunctionchurch.org and Face Book page *Church of Christ of Grand Junction* to discover a little more about us.

Feeding on the Word!

Our final stop in Luke 11 this morning takes us to a dinner party at the home of a Pharisee. We already know where this might go....Jesus doesn't wash his hands. This does not escape notice and leads Jesus to challenge religion gone bad in the form of a "Woe" list. Let's consider these 6 woes and see if they speak to us.

Sign up for the *Men's Retreat* today!! (March 23 and 24)

***"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."* - C.S.Lewis**

Love One Another!

Memory Verse For March: Numbers 6:24

"the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; "



Sips From The Well—*Doug Clayton*

Chihuahuas

Vince Urbina (Thank you!) just finished teaching a class on the **Holy Spirit** I offer this true story from my friend **Patrick Mead** as an unsolicited footnote to that timely class...

We once lived on top of a mountain in a small community overlooking Morgantown, WV. I told my children that it was our job to show the love of Jesus to everyone who lived on “our” mountain so, when a new family moved in just below us, we went to meet them.

I took my young son and our dog, a 120 lb. lab mix and walked down to meet the new neighbors. When we got near their home the screen door blew open and three killer Chihuahuas came flying out, racing toward us, intent on our immediate death. We would find out later that the dogs were named *Killer, Dynamite* and...I can't remember the third one but it also bore a name that could double as a warning label. We would also find out that they were between 10 and 12 years old. One was blind, one was epileptic and I think the other had an undiagnosed personality disorder. My dog looked up at me, rolling his eyes and I said, “Don't laugh, dog. We don't want to give the little guys a complex.”

We had some time to contemplate all of this because we were separated from the Tiny Terrors by 20 yards or so that included a ditch filled with deep grass. Snarls, spittle, growls, barks, and the snapping of teeth filled the air as they fought to negotiate the ditch. My son looked at me and asked, “*Why do they think they can hurt us?*” I replied, “*Son, I don't know about a lot of things but I know dogs. We are going to stand right here and not move.*” And, sure enough, the door opened again and two HUGE dogs came out. One was a Norwegian elkhound. The other might have been a Clydesdale. The two horse/dog hybrids sat down on the porch and calmly eyed us. I turned to my son and said, “*Now you know why the little yappy dogs think they can kill us, dismember us, and bury us in their new back yard. They have backup.*”

When I face a challenging task or when a trial looms it's easy to feel like an old, blind, asthmatic Chihuahua with a personality disorder. “*I can't do this! I am not the right man for the job and I do not have the right words or skills...*” But then I remember: **I have backup!**

Jesus calmed the fears of his followers by telling them that a **Companion, a Comforter** was coming who would walk with us, guide us, and help us every step of the way. We have that **Holy Spirit** within us (**Romans 8:9, I Cor. 6:19**). It doesn't matter if we are weak, afraid, old, or otherwise unqualified because the Spirit is NOT weak, old, afraid or unqualified! He's got this. Move forward in calm confidence because while you might not be all that wonderful and mighty, the **Holy Spirit in you is!** You don't have to see Him or sense Him or feel Him because the Spirit sees, senses and feels you.

“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.” (I John 4:4).

So, go get 'em, little Chihuahua. You've got back up!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Ladies

March 24—11 AM—12:30 PM—Ladies Luncheon

Adult Classes to Begin

Starting Sunday March 4, Tom Deister will be teaching in Auditorium. Subject: "Christ Likeness". Rick Wilkins will be teaching in 103. Subject: 1st Peter. Wednesday evening, Feb.28, Roy Karo began teaching in the Auditorium.

Men's Retreat

The following info is about the 2018 Men's Retreat:

- March 23rd & 24th @ Camp Cedaredge located at 19986 CO-65, Cedaredge, CO 81413 .
 - The speaker will be Don Carney.
 - Theme: "God is still working on me"
 - Friday the 23rd; arrive from 3 PM on, dinner will be at 6, and we will be having one evening session.
 - Saturday the 24th; Breakfast, two sessions, and lunch. Wrapping up around noon.
 - There will be car pooling if interested there is a sign up sheet in the foyer and fellowship hall. Questions contact Dave Downey.
 - The total cost per person is \$30. Cash or check can be turned into Leonord Silence.
 - Sign up sheets located in the foyer and fellowship hall. **Please sign up by March 15th** so we can turn in final numbers.
- If you have any questions please contact Bo Hill

Coffee Can Ministry Needs

- Travel sized toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Travel sized deodorant
- Chapstick
- Plastic 3 lb. coffee cans (empty)

Holy Spirit 101

At the end of Vince Urbina's class on Sun., Feb. 25, he offered a free paperback titled THE SPIRIT OF GOD by Richard N. Ady to encourage further study of the Holy Spirit. There are about **20 books** still available in a USPS box on the table in room 103 if anyone is interested in getting a copy.

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will meet today at 1 PM in the Fellowship Hall. They will be working on decorating eggs. Everyone is invited.

Rides for Shaun

The lady that was bringing Shaun Barrientez to church on Sundays is no longer able to do that. If anyone would be willing to pick up Shaun on Sunday morning and take him home afterwards, please see Doug or Jimmye. Shaun's address is 476 Gunnison Way which is off 30 Road past the underpass. If anyone happens to live in that area, he would really appreciate a ride.

Youth Activities

New Wednesday Night Youth Group Schedule

- 3-6 – After School Open House
- 6-8 – Youth Group (beginning with dinner in the Fellowship Hall)

*****Singing Workshop*****

On Wednesday nights during the month of April, the Youth Group will be hosting a singing workshop as a way for us to better learn some new songs. We will be incorporating these songs into our Sunday morning assemblies, so if you'd like to learn them before we do so, this is your chance! If you'd like more info, please see Charlie.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep the following requests in your daily prayers. Thank you for taking the time to do this, it is much appreciated and needed. God bless!

Continue to pray for Natasha Lemons who has a broken ankle. Thanksgiving that she was able to be with us Sunday. Pray for a quick healing and recovery for her.

Also prayers of thanksgiving for answered prayers for Norma Churchman feeling better and able to be with us last Sunday. God is good!

Pray for Kathy Applebee who had hip replacement surgery this past week. Pray for a quick and comfortable recovery for her.

Continued prayers for Darlene Rettig and her upcoming surgery.

Continued prayers for those with on going issues.

Randy Brabec
Ron Wilson
Bob Tucker
Our military people from our church family
Tom and Robin English
Bo Camp's father
Shane Briggs
Ben Skogen's Uncle Mark and grandfather Bob

Also continue to pray for...
families of victims in Florida shooting
for safety of school children around the nation
our nation and leaders, president, for God's will to be done.
our church family, our elders
for safety for our law enforcement and first responders
For persecuted Christians around the world.

Pray for Tom Crist as they await the result of the tests he had recently. Pray the report will be a good one for him,,,pray for strength and peace for him and Tamara as they wait the results.

Pray for Bob Howard and Sue Boyle, both had cataract surgery this week. Pray for comfort and quick recovery, and that both were successful surgeries.

Prayers of thanksgiving always for the love and mercy and grace God bestows every day on all of us!!
And for all the answered prayers we have seen over and over

Huddles

None tonight!

March 11 - at the Skogens' house (Ben & Tracey live at 2121 Monument Village Circle - GJ 81507). Girls bring drinks, boys bring desserts. Come for food, fellowship, fun, and a devotional.

March 25 - need a host!

April 8 - need a host!

April 22 - need a host!

To host a huddle, please contact Lesa Brassette at Lesa@Brassette.com or 640-2243 (text is great!)



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For the Record February 25, 2018

Attendance	271
Weekly Contributions 2/25/18	\$5,073.00
Contribution 4 week average	\$6,872.25
Weekly Budget	\$6,521.00

Communion Preparation—March

Melva Willbanks

Communion Table 3/4/18

Roy Karo

Honored to Serve the Lord's Table in March

Lou Mbala
John Matthews
Dan Ocheltree
Mark O'Rear
Ted Reaves
Ed Riddle
Craig Roberts
Randy Romkee

Announcements—March

Mark O'Rear

Sunday Morning Adult Classes—9:00 AM—9:45 AM

Tom Deister-----Auditorium
Rick Wilkins-----103

Wednesday Evening Bible Classes 7—7:45 PM

Roy Karo-----Auditorium
Singing Class-----Library

Sunday Morning Children's Classes

Cradle Roll—Birth to 2-----Nursery
2 & 4 Year Old-----104
Pre KK, Kindergarten-----205
1st & 2nd Grade-----209
3rd thru 5th Grade-----208
Middle School-----203
High School-----203

Wednesday Evening Children's Bible Study

2 & 5 yr. old-----104
Kindergarten 1st & 2nd-----205
1st thru 5th Grade-----208
All teens meet in-----203

Thursday Morning Bible Classes

Thursday Bible School 9:30 AM—1 PM Thursdays
Ladies Bible Class, - 9:30 AM Rm. 103

Sunday Morning Bible Classes Begin at 9 AM
Sunday Morning Fellowship Time 9:45 AM—10:15 AM
Sunday Morning Assembly Begins at 10:15 AM
Sunday Evening Small Group meets at 5 PM In Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Bible Study Begins at 7 PM